



**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
LOS ANGELES COUNTY
BUSINESS LICENSE COMMISSION**

**500 WEST TEMPLE STREET, ROOM 374-A
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012**

Wednesday, August 24, 2011

9:00 AM

Present: President Afriat, Vice President Campbell, Commissioner Lee
and Secretary Vasquez

Excused: Commissioner Barger

I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

1. Call to Order. (11-3662)

The meeting was called to order by President Afriat at 9:04 a.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance. (11-3663)

The pledge of Allegiance was led by Ben Garcia, Sherriff's Department.

3. Approval of Minutes from Meeting of July 13, 2011. (11-3664)

**On motion of Vice President Campbell, seconded by Commissioner Lee,
with President Afriat abstaining, the minutes of July 13, 2011 were
approved.**

Ayes: 3 - Vice President Campbell, Secretary Vasquez and
Commissioner Lee

Abstentions: 1 - President Afriat

II. PUBLIC HEARINGS

4. Hearing on application for Entertainment-General Business License ID#134736,
to issue a new business license to Uni He Yang for Joy Kareoke, at 2020 S.
Hacienda Blvd., #K Hacienda Heights, CA 91745 in the Fourth District. (11-3673)

**Cristina Hernandez, Treasurer and Tax Collector's Office (TTC), reported
that the applicant has obtained all the necessary County approvals**

including the background check and have no objections to issuance of the license.

Commissioner Lee informed the applicant of a letter received from a local resident opposing the issuance of the license. The complaint included operating beyond 2 a.m., noise level being too high and fights on the premises. The complaint letter was not received in enough time to allow an investigation of allegations prior to the hearing.

Uni Yang, owner of Joy Karaoke stated operating hours are Sunday through Thursday from 12 p.m.-12 a.m., Friday and Saturday from 12 p.m. to 2 a.m.

Commissioner Lee questioned the applicant of the alleged events. Ms. Yang recalled a bar fight in the parking lot and confirmed the sale of alcoholic beverages consisting of beer and wine only. Ms. Hernandez confirmed that TTC does have a copy of their Alcohol Beverage Control (ABC) license on file and provided a copy. Ms. Yang provided the Commission with a copy of Conditional Use Permit (CUP).

Ms. Yang stated that customers 18 years of age and under are not allowed in business after 11 p.m. unless accompanied by a parent and the last call for alcoholic beverages is 12 a.m. Sunday through Thursday and 2 a.m. Friday and Saturday. In addition, she has two security guards on the premises.

President Afriat reminded the applicant of the requirements for an entertainment license.

On motion of Commissioner Lee, seconded by Vice President Campbell this item was continued to September 14, 2011 to allow time to investigate and staff to coordinate the attendance of Regional Planning and Sherriff.

Ayes: 4 - President Afriat, Vice President Campbell, Secretary Vasquez and Commissioner Lee

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Note: President Afriat called Agenda No. 7 after Agenda No. 4 in consideration of law enforcement officers present.

7. Hearing on recommendation to deny renewal of Food Establishment Business License ID #132194, for Eddie's Liquor, Seung H. Hong, owner located at 5024 E. Whittier Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90022 in the First District. (11-3824)

Cristina Hernandez, Treasurer and Tax Collector's Office (TTC), reported that this application is being recommended for denial by the Sheriff's Department. Deputy Scott Hennessy, Sheriff's Department reported he has been in communication with the licensee and consultants and has reached an agreement to most of the conditions offered by the consultant except for one. Deputy Hennessy stated that issues are being addressed and there are no longer any objections to issuing the license provided the owner continues to make progress. He explained that the main issues were loitering of transients and consumption of alcohol on the premises and suggested the early morning sales of alcohol and the vacant rear parking lot may be contributing factors in attracting transients. He is aware that the property owner is planning to redevelop the location and will work with him to expedite the process. Although the situation has improved within the last month, Deputy Hennessy recommended sales of alcoholic beverages start later in the day.

Dante Charleston, Figueroa Management Group (FMG), representative of Mr. Hong reported there has been good interaction with law enforcement in addressing the issues. Mr. Charleston provided the Commission a packet which included a Security and Operations Plan with Voluntary Conditions for Eddie's Liquor which states that Mr. Hong and employees will attend an ABC training program on the purchase and sale of alcohol. He detailed the redevelopment plans included in the packet, and reiterated the remodeled location will bring more pedestrian activity making it less attractive to transients. Nathan Freeman, FMG added that the property owner purchased the property about a year ago and is pending County approvals to move forward with his plans.

Seung H. Hong, owner of Eddie's Liquor reported that he does not sell directly to transients; in most instances they have someone else purchase alcohol for them. On one occasion he was able to review surveillance video and identify the person making the purchase, he was then able to refuse the sale to that individual. He will continue to do his part in monitoring sales however, these situations are difficult to control. Frank Pashani, property owner informed the Commission of his intentions of improving the location and reported that the final plan has been approved, and is only pending permits. Jose Perez, local resident and employee stated he will keep the location clean.

Nathan Freeman, FMG confirmed the store opens at 6:30 a.m. Deputy Hennessy recommended a review in 6 months.

President Afriat asked the applicant if he agreed to the conditions reviewed. Mr. Hong agreed.

After discussion, on motion of Secretary Vasquez, seconded by President Afriat, the Commission referred the applicant back to TTC. TTC agreed to issue the license with the following conditions:

- 1. Any graffiti painted or marked upon the premises or on any adjacent area under the control of the Petitioner(s) shall be removed or painted over within 24 hours of being applied.**
- 2. The petitioner (s) shall be responsible for keeping the premises and any adjacent area under the control of the Petitioner (s) free of litter.**
- 3. No alcoholic beverage shall be consumed on the licensed premises under the control of the licensees.**
- 4. No pay phone will be maintained on the interior or exterior of the premises.**
- 5. Petitioners shall regularly police the area under their control in an effort to prevent the loitering of persons about the premises.**
- 6. All employees shall complete the Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) License Education on Alcohol & Drugs (LEAD) Program.**
- 7. A sign will be posted to notify customers they must be born on or before "a particular date" (i.e. 21 years old) in order to be sold alcohol.**
- 8. Single cups, glasses, containers (paper, plastic, etc) or individual small plastic bags of ice shall not be sold at any time.**
- 9. Sales of alcohol beverages to visibly intoxicated persons shall be prohibited.**
- 10. There shall be no video or amusement arcade game machines within the subject location.**
- 11. The applicant shall maintain an electronic video surveillance security system in the subject location and directed on the site parking lot. Records of shall be maintained a minimum of thirty (30) days and made available to County of Los Angeles, ABC and local law enforcement for review upon request within the stated time frame.**

12. The owner shall post signs in two (2) conspicuous locations identifying the name and contact information (phone number) of store staff who will be responsible to responding to community questions and issues.

13. The owner shall post “We ID” stickers on the entry door and posters on the security glass at the pay point station.

14. The owner/operator shall contact the local law enforcement agency on a monthly basis via e-mail, telephonically (including voicemail) and or written correspondence to ensure compliance with the voluntary Conditions noted herein, and to advise same relative to changing conditions of the neighborhood, community and environment. Said calls shall not represent a “call for service” and used as examples for additional Conditions or citations issued.

15. No alcohol is to be sold until 7:00 am

16. Six Month Commission Review

Ayes: 4 - President Afriat, Vice President Campbell, Secretary Vasquez and Commissioner Lee

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Secretary Vasquez left the meeting at 10:26 a.m.

5. Hearing on application for Massage Parlor-General/SC for the City of Santa Clarita Business License ID# 138409, to issue a new license to David Bon-Chee Chang, owner of Pure Wellness Center located at 23310 Cinema Drive #104, Valencia, CA 91355 in the Fifth District. (11-3769)

Cristina Hernandez, Treasurer and Tax Collector's Office (TTC), reported that the applicant has obtained all the necessary County approvals, including background check. TTC has no objection to issuance of the license.

Dr. David Bon-Chee Chang, owner of Pure Wellness Center stated that the business is primarily a Chiropractic office that offers therapeutic massages. He informed the Commission that he is familiar with all the rules and regulation of operating a Massage Parlor.

Ms. Hernandez informed the applicant and the Commission as of March, 2012 all technicians must be State certified.

On motion of Vice President Campbell, seconded by President Afriat, the Commission approved the aforementioned license.

Ayes: 3 - President Afriat, Vice President Campbell and Commissioner Lee

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- 6. Hearing on application for Massage Parlor-General Business License ID# 138492, to issue a new license to Raffi Hanneyan, owner of Relax Spa located at 3700 E. Colorado #4, Pasadena, CA 91107 in the Fifth District. (11-3770)**

Cristina Hernandez, Treasurer and Tax Collector's Office (TTC), reported that the applicant has obtained all the necessary County approvals, TTC has no objection to issuance of the license. Ben Garcia, Sheriff's Department reported satisfaction of the location and has no objection to issuance of the license. Mr. Garcia reminded applicant of normal operating hours for the location.

Jeff Curtis, spoke on behalf of Raffi Hanneyan, owner of Relax Spa. Mr. Curtis stated the massage parlor is for men and women with hours of operation from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., the intention of the business is to provide a clean and respectable environment. Mr. Hanneyan confirmed his understanding of the rules and regulations of operating a Massage Parlor. Ms. Hernandez reminded the applicant of the license requirements for technicians he employs.

On motion of President Afriat, seconded by Vice President Campbell, the Commission approved the aforementioned license.

Ayes: 3 - President Afriat, Vice President Campbell and Commissioner Lee

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III. REPORTS

8. Commissioners' Comments. (11-3665)

The Commission reviewed the calendar for August and September 2011. The Commission agreed to cancel the meetings of August 31st and September 7th.

IV. MISCELLANEOUS**Public Comment**

9. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Committee on items of interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Committee. (11-3674)

No members of the Public addressed the Commission.

Adjournment

10. Adjournment for the meeting of August 24, 2011. (11-3675)

The Commission adjourned the meeting at 10:38 a.m.